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RESPONSE UNDER § 1.111 REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed on August 9, 2007, Applicants request consideration and entry of the following amendments. This submission is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination and an RCE fee under 1.17(e). The response contains amendments to the claims and therefore meets the requirement of 37 CFR 1.111. Further, a request for an extension of time of five months is made herewith. With the granting of the request, the time for responding will be reset to December 22, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 10 of this paper.